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Contact Tracing intensified

COVID contact tracing teams track 14-day movement of patients through mobile phone call records

Contact tracing team at work in DHO Office auditorium, Nazarbad in city this morning.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, July 9- With COVID-19 cases and fatalities in Karnataka on the rise, the State Government has restructured its strategy to fight the pandemic with enhanced contact tracing, more oxygen beds, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) facilities and ventilators. Many Government employees have been deputed to the crucial task of contact tracing and they have been warned of action if they refuse to work. These are Group B, C and D employees from various non-key departments like Tourism, Revenue and Forest Departments who are now reporting to senior officers in the frontline.

According to Health experts, the delay in identifying contacts (both primary and secondary) of positive cases and bringing them under proper care is the prime reason behind the spike in numbers.

In Mysuru too, there are two exclusive teams to trace primary and secondary contacts and they have intensified their search. While one team is headed by Nodal Officer Lokanath (District Urban Development Cell Director) the other team is headed by Karnataka Exhibition Authority CEO Girish. Lokanath's team has 48 members who are managed by five senior officers. Once a person tests positive, his/her contacts for 12 to 14 days are traced and quarantined.

COVID-positive patients are questioned about their travel history of 14 days and the same is informed to another team that verifies the details by tracking the mobile phone tower location. A five-member ASI-grade officers verify the call records and based on this, one more team goes to the places and traces the primary and secondary contacts. Neighbours are informed and if necessary, they will be asked to undergo COVID tests and to be in home isolation.

The centralised data goes to the District Health Officer (DHO) who reports the same to the Deputy Commissioner.

The other team comprises eight members and this team certifies if the positive person can be kept in home quarantine as per the new guidelines issued by the State Government.

(See TRACING on page 7)

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Kanpur Cops' massacre

After 5-day run, gangster Vikas Dubey arrested

New Delhi, July 9 (UNI)- Uttar Pradesh gangster Vikas Dubey, accused of killing eight Policemen last week in Kanpur, was arrested this morning from a temple in Madhya Pradesh after a five-day chase across four States. He was caught just as he emerged after praying at the Mahakal temple in Ujjain, where he had arrived after a 700-km road journey.

CCTV footage showed Vikas Dubey, in a mask, being taken away by half a dozen cops. *"Main Vikas Dubey hoon, Kanpur wala* (I am Vikas Dubey from Kanpur)," he shouted out while being taken to the Police van.

Vikas Dubey

Vikas Dubey was spotted around 7 am when he was apparently trying to enter the temple from a back gate. One version says he was buying prayer offerings to take inside the temple when the shopkeeper recognised him and alerted security guards. When he emerged from the temple, the guards questioned him.

He first produced a fake ID card of a much younger man with the last name "Paul". When prodded, he hit out at the guards, who dragged him to the Police. It is not clear how Dubey, last spotted at a hotel in Faridabad, Haryana, on Wednesday, landed up in Ujjain with the Police on his trail.

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To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for N.K.A. Ballal's article titled "Time to balance news in trying COVID times." —Ed

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Today's Positive cases	:	49
Four positive cases have been reported from Mysuru City Corporation		
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	638
Total ACTIVE cases	:	302
Persons discharged	:	322
Deaths	:	14

Update: July 9, 2020, 2 pm

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everyone has a reason to pray

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Thursday 9th July 2020

MyMUL lowers milk procurement price from farmers

Mysuru, July 9- As a measure to contain mounting losses due to dip in milk and milk products sales and rise in output costs, MyMUL (Mysuru Milk Co-operative Union Limited) has announced lowering of procurement price of milk from farmers with effect from July 8.

In a press release, MyMUL President Siddegowda said that it has been decided to lower milk procurement price from the existing Rs. 26.50 per litre to Rs.25 per litre with effect from July 8. Maintaining that it is a usual practice to lower milk procurement price during the winter season and to hike it during the summer season, he said that MyMUL always stands for the welfare of farmers.

At COVID-19 awareness programme

Ramdas calls for making Mysuru Coronavirus free

Mysuru, July 9 (RKB&DM)- KR Constituency MLA S.A. Ramdas, who has launched an awareness programme in his assembly segment about the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, has called upon the people to make Mysuru free of the virus.

On the second day of his awareness programme on Wednesday, Ramdas met several residents in J.P. Nagar and educated them about the precautionary and safety measures to be taken. The MLA, who personally thermal screened several citizens for body temperature, urged them to compulsorily wear face masks, use hand sanitisers and maintain physical distancing. He also sought their full co-operation in maintaining all other lockdown rules for making Mysuru COVID-19 free.

Corporators Sharada Eshwar and Shanthamma Vadivelu, Vidyaranyapuram Police Inspector Manjunath, MCC Development officer Nanjundegowda, Engineer Dayananda, Health Inspectors Shivaprasad and Preeti, BJP leaders Vadivelu, Nagendra, Srinivas, Devarajegowda and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ONLINE MANIA: ***This is the very devil. People spend hours on browsing shopping sites, looking for bargains (which are often otherwise). They buy articles which they don't need simply because they have got a 'deal'. Ever since my brother developed a taste for online shopping, I have been on tenterhooks. Parcels — large, medium and small — arrive at the oddest times. One may be eating or sleeping or watching a movie or talking on the phone when the doorbell rings. Because he is in a hurry to deliver the goods, I drop everything and rush to the door to relieve him of his burden. This is only part of the problem. What you see online is not what you get. My brother has often been a victim. He orders things because they are cheap. Like the time he ordered 20 kgs of wheat flour. He must have thought I was opening an eatery! There are just two of us and even if we ate chappatis morning, noon and night, it would last us forever. There was a cold wave and he ordered gloves and cap. When the articles arrived, the gloves were much too large and the cap resembled an Eskimo's headgear. He could have had them exchanged but it was too much trouble. He palmed them off to some unsuspecting person (what the person did with it is anybody's guess but what my brother doesn't know can't hurt him).*** — *Padma Ganapati in Deccan Herald*

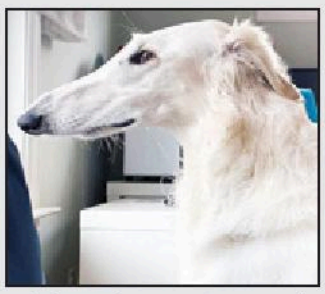
NEWS SPARKLERS

iPhone 6 phones used as decorative tiles for house fence

Hue: A viral video of what looks like a concrete fence decorated with hundreds of iphone 6 smartphones has been doing the rounds online, sparking a heated debate about its authenticity.

A video posted by Vietnamese user @minhhienapple last week, showed the fence of a rural home decorated with hundreds of iPhones, which has so far been viewed over 1.7 million times. Apparently, the owner of the house displayed in the viral clip decided that iPhone 6 smartphones were better than regular stone or ceramic decorative tiles, so he used several hundreds of them to beautify the concrete fence. Some of the top comments on the video claimed that these were just decorative stickers and while that's certainly a possibility, some sections of the video show at least a few real iPhones.

Pooch touted as having the longest snout in the world

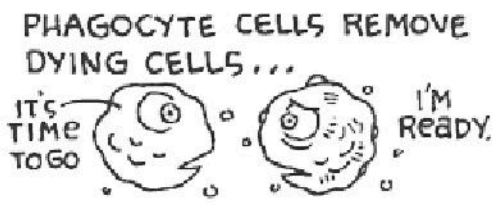


Richmond: Borzoi Hounds typically have longer snouts than most other dog breeds, but one specimen is getting a lot of attention these days for having potentially the world's longest snout, with a length of 31 centimetres.

Two-year-old Eris is a white Borzoi Sighthound from Richmond, Virginia, who has been getting a lot of attention online for her long snout. Ever sine Eris' owner, Lily Kambourian, posted a photo of her nose from an angle, people have been fascinated by her schnozzle. Lily says that it was quite obvious that Eris and her siblings had an overbite (a genetic defect) since they were only puppies, but she didn't care, and she certainly never expected this to become her most popular trait.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How fast do human cells die?



Your cells are constantly dying at an alarming rate: Just in the last 30 seconds, 50 million of your cells have died. That adds up to about 50 to 70 billion cells every day. Don't worry — there are plenty left over. The human body contains an estimated 37.2 trillion cells, give or take a few billion.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Let the music play...

Playback singer Sangeetha Ravindranath comes up with a project titled Virtual Raga's to financially support performing artistes

Sangeetha Ravindranath

Mysuru, July 9- Ragarashmi Foundation for Art and Culture, run by playback singer Sangeetha Ravindranath, has come up with a new venture "Virtual Raga's" - a series of online concerts brought to your homes from the artiste's home.

These series will feature musicians from across the globe, to perform on the Foundation's Facebook page. The purpose of the project is to financially support the performing artistes and the artistes in need. Hence, all the performing artistes will be paid an honorarium.

These online performances are not ticketed for the audience. Interested may log on to *www.ragarashmifoundation.com*

The first series of five episodes featuring six artistes of Karnataka promoting Bhavageete and Folk music — Supriya Raghunandan, Nithin Rajaram Shastry, Chintan Vikas, Mangala Ravi, Manoj Vasishta and Arundathi Vasishta — were conducted from July 1 to 6.

The upcoming series will shortly begin during the last week of July, featuring genres like western music, Karnatak classical music, Hindustani classical music with a variety of themes. The series will also be themed with remembering various legendaries like Dr. C. Ashwath, Mysore Ananthaswamy, and Raju Ananthaswamy, talking about different plays, writers and poets.

For details, contact Foundation Trustee Ravindranath on Mob: 97410-31300.

Really...?

- *Oxygen, carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen make up 90% of the human body.*
- *People who work at night tend to weigh more.*
- *Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Patient: ***"Doctor, I get heartburn every time I eat birthday cake."***

Doctor: ***"Next time, take off the candles."***

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.02
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.79
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.43
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.01

VOICE OF THE READER

Enforce social distancing strictly

Sir,

Apropos the news item ***No Mask Pay Fine*** (*SOM* dated July 6), just imposing a fine on people not wearing a mask while stepping out of their homes is not enough. Many people do not even know how to wear a mask in the proper manner. A mask should cover both the nose and the mouth completely and leave space only for the eyes. Many people seem to care less about wearing a mask in the proper manner it should be worn.

Some people are even found moving around with the mask around their neck ! These people do not seem to know anything about social distancing too while at public places such as markets, malls, banks and shops and are often found crowding around throwing caution to the wind.

It is such careless attitude by these people which is the main cause for a spurt in positive cases of COVID-19. Strict enforcement of social distancing also needs to be carried out by the authorities concerned, besides imposing hefty fines for those not wearing a mask while stepping out of their homes.

—Ashok Bhushan
Vishveshwaranagar
8.7.2020

On using masks by riders with full face helmet

Sir,

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities and the Police are jointly collecting fines from people who are not wearing masks. Now a clarification is needed if a person driving a four-wheeler should be wearing the mask while driving or not.

Since the front wind-screen acts as a protective gear, wearing a mask and driving will be difficult as the oxygen supply reduces and it may prove fatal. But once the driver is out of the car, he should be pulling up the mask.

Similarly, a two-wheeler rider wearing a full face helmet with a visor may not be advisable to wear a mask as the visor itself is a protective gear for the rider. But once he removes the helmet he will have to wear his mask.

Hope the authorities concerned will clarify the above doubt in the minds of four-wheeler drivers and two-wheeler riders.

— Yadav Raghavan
on e-mail
Yadavagiri
8.7.2020

Election Commission set to hold GP elections in October

Mysuru, July 9 (RKB&DM)- Hinting at conducting the Gram Panchayat (GP) elections in October, the State Election Commission has directed all the district administrations in the State to revise the electoral rolls.

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and the nationwide lockdown that ensued, the Election Commission in March had ordered postponement of GP elections and stalling of electoral rolls revision. As a petition was filed in the Court questioning the postponement of polls, the hearing on which is due to come shortly, some Deputy Commissioners had expressed the opinion that the elections can be held in October.

Now, the State Election Commission has announced a fresh time-table for GP electoral rolls revision, which is as follows:

July 13 to 18: Identification of voters in all GP limits. **July 20 to 29:** Door-to-door visit in GP limits for verification of the presence of voters.

July 30 to Aug. 5: Checking out the print copy of the electoral rolls and physical verification of the voter list. **Aug. 6:** Getting the electoral rolls corrected for any discrepancies. **Aug.7:** Publication of the draft list of voters at the respective GP offices, along with inviting objections till Aug.14. **Aug.24:** Deadline for redressal of all objections received. **Aug.30:** Printing of the final electoral rolls. **Aug.31:** Publication of the final GP electoral rolls.

MLC wants Govt. to conduct University exams on SSLC exam model

Mysuru, July 9 (PM&DM)- JD(S) MLC Marithibbegowda has urged the Government to conduct University Graduate and Post-Graduate exams as well as engineering and other technical exams, based on the recently concluded SSLC examination model.

Marithibbegowda

In a letter addressed to Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also the Higher Education Minister, Marithibbegowda, who represents South Teachers Constituency in the Legislative Council, said that the UGC (University Grants Commission), in the wake of COVID-19, has already issued revised guidelines for the conduct of exams by the end of September 2020 and the State Government should hold the University and Technical exams by following the guidelines.

Noting that several engineering students have been unable to access online classes, the MLC wanted the Government to conduct a 15-day special class for such students and to hold exams within the deadline set by the UGC.

Suggesting the Government to allow University students who have returned to their native village due to the lockdown to write the exam at the centre nearest to the place of their stay, as was done in the case of SSLC examination, he urged the Government to announce the 2020-21 academic year time-table in order to enable qualifying PUC students to apply for higher education.

Webinar on 'Post COVID-19 World'

Mysuru, July 9- COVID-19 has created havoc in the world. Society at large and professionals around the world are equipping themselves for a post-COVID world. Keeping this in view, a Webinar on 'Post COVID-19 World' has been arranged by Centre for Workplace Safety and Health (CWSH), autonomous unit of National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, on July 11 from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Dr. B.V. Rajagopal, a renowned cardiologist in Mysuru and Er. K. Sriram, Vice-President of Builders' Association of India (BAI) and an active member of Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India, will be the main speakers.

Dr. Rajagopal is known as the 'Mysuru Physician's Bhishma' with more than 5 decades of service to the community. After Post Graduate training in medicine and cardiology in USA and UK, he has held professorial positions at local to national levels, and won many academic and medical awards. He will speak on 'COVID-19 and Construction.'

Er. Sriram is the Managing Partner of Tapovan Projects, who have designed and constructed land mark structures. He is involved in the construction industry for four decades and a guide par excellence in the industry. He has served in many Regional and National Committees. Recently he was conferred Distinguished Fellowship of Indian Green Building Council. He will speak on 'Construction Industry in the post COVID-19 world.'

Registration is limited. For registration, contact, H.S. Aravind on Mob: 91410-76124 or e-mail: *cwsh.nie.p@gmail.com*

Webinar on 'Solar Eclipses'

Dr. Prasad

Mysuru, July 9- A Webinar on 'Obstructing The Sun - Chasing Solar Eclipses' will be conducted by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Astronomy Space and Science Club of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) in association with Mysore Astronomical Society, on July 11 from 6 pm to 7 pm.

Dr. S.N. Prasad, retired Professor of Physics and former Principal, Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru, will be the speaker.

For free registration, log on to *https://forms.gle/xKWdGfdU6AwE34aX8*

For queries, contact Chyavan N. Bhat on Mob: 94492-72173.

Faculty Co-ordinators are Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna and Prof. K.V. Sudheesh.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Animal adoption continues at Zoo

The following persons have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: S. Chethan, Nanjangud - Black Buck - Rs.7,500; Sakshi Gupta, Delhi - Rose-Ringed Parakeet - Rs.2,000; K.S. Pratao, Bengaluru - Gharial - Rs.7,500; Bhanumathi, Bengaluru - White Peacock - Rs.3,500; Manjula, Bengaluru - White Peacock - Rs.3,500.

Diploma in Theatre

The last date to apply for one-year Diploma Course in theatre education conducted by Rangayana, Mysuru, has been extended till July 20. Details regarding applying for the course is available on Rangayana website (www.rangayana.org), according to a press release from the Rangayana Joint Director.

Online Seminar

JSS College of Nursing, Mysuru, has organised a three-day online seminar on 'Innovation in Teaching, Learning and Evaluation in Nursing Education' from July 9 to 11. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548232, according to a press release.

Ph.D Awardees

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Computer Science to C. Sunil for his thesis 'Mulitingual Text Detection, Tracking and Recognition in Video Frames' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H.K. Chethan.

B. Madesh has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) for his thesis 'Sudhakara Avara Samagra Sahityada Adyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. D. Naganna.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	101.60 ft
Yesterday	100.33 ft
Inflow	12,392 cusecs
Outflow	468 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,269.27 ft
Inflow	9,204 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,848.69 ft
Inflow	3,583 cusecs
Outflow	30 cusecs

Bribe for providing justice

Metagalli Inspector, Constable in ACB net

Mysuru, July 9 (RK&KS)- Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths on Wednesday have arrested the Inspector and a Constable, attached to Metagalli Police Station, while accepting a bribe of Rs. 75,000 from the brother of a rape victim, to provide justice.

The arrested are Inspector B. Raghavendra Gowda and Constable Bheemanna. The Police personnel were caught red handed yesterday evening while accepting the bribe of Rs. 75,000 from the victim's brother at a lodge near Karnataka State Pollution Control Board Office near Royal Inn junction on the Ring Road.

Inspector Raghavendra Gowda

Details: Metagalli Police, on June 15 had registered a First Information Report (FIR) No. 58/2020 and had registered a case of rape under IPC Section 417, 376 and 420 against one Premkumar, a resident of Hebbal Layout near Madegowda Circle following a complaint from the woman. The woman, in her complaint, had stated that Premkumar had sexually assaulted her after promising to marry her.

The victim and her relatives had demanded the Police to arrest the accused, but the Police were unable to arrest the accused as he had gone absconding. The victim's brother, who learnt that the accused had secured anticipatory bail recently, had approached the Inspector seeking his help to talk to the accused and get his sister (victim) married to him (accused).

But the Inspector, who demanded Rs. 1.5 lakh bribe for the help, had received Rs. 75,000 as advance about four days ago, but the Inspector and the Constable were caught red handed by the ACB sleuths while accepting the remaining Rs. 75,000 from the victim's brother last evening at the lodge.

ACB Superintendent of Police (SP) Rashmi supervised Dy.SP Parashuramappa, Inspector Kareem Rawtar and staff Kumaraswamy, Guruprasad, Netravathi, Manjunath, Chethan, Tausif, Kantesh and Yogesh in the operation.

Boy killed as hi-tension power line falls

Chamarajanagar, July 9 (SS&KS)- A 12-year-old boy was killed on the spot, when an overhead hi-tension power line fell on him at Kethahalli village near Harave in the taluk on Tuesday.

Manoj Kumar

The deceased boy is K.M. Manoj Kumar, son of Mahesh, a farmer and was studying in 7th standard at Sri Chennabasaveshwara School in Harave.

On Tuesday, Manoj had accompanied his parents to their agricultural field and while walking in the field, a hi-tension power line, passing over the agricultural field fell on Manoj, electrocuting him.

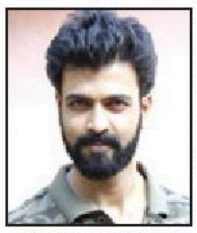
Rs. 5 lakh compensation announced: CESC Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Peter and Junior Engineer (JE) Praveen, rushed to the spot only to face the wrath of the villagers, who held the CESC staff responsible for Manoj's death.

The villagers alleged that the power lines were sagging and though the issue was brought to the notice of the Junior Engineer and the Lineman and also complaints lodged, no action was taken to repair the power lines.

They blamed that the negligent attitude of CESC officials had claimed an innocent life and demanded CESC to provide compensation to the deceased boy's family. AEE Peter announced that Rs. 5 lakh compensation would be given to the deceased's family. However, farmer leader Moodnakodu Mahesh and others have demanded more compensation be given from the lineman and the Junior Engineer.

Kannada actor Susheel Kumar commits suicide

Mandya, July 9 (Nagaiah&KS)- Sandalwood co-star Susheel Kumar (30), committed suicide by hanging self at his friend's house at Induvalu village in the taluk. He was a resident of V.V. Nagar 18th Cross in Mandya and was working as a trainer at a gym in Bengaluru.



Susheel Kumar

Susheel had acted in Duniya Vijay's 'Salaga,' 'Kamarottu Check-Post' and other films.

Following lockdown, all gymnasiums were closed since three months and Susheel had returned to his home in Mandya. On July 6, Susheel went to Induvalu village, where he along with his friend Vishwa had taken a house on rent. Both Susheel and Vishwa had a key each of the house and Susheel had gone to the house in the absence of Vishwa, it is learnt.

As Susheel had not gone back to his house in Mandya, his family members began to search for him and when they went to the house in Induvalu village yesterday, they found Susheel hanging.

Following a complaint from Susheel's father Nagaraju, Mandya Rural Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and registered a case. As the body was decomposed, it is suspected that Susheel may have committed suicide about three days ago.

According to family sources there was no problem in the family, but Susheel was mentally depressed and the Police have suspected that Susheel may have taken the extreme step due to depression.

Mandya Rural Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Youth arrested for kidnapping minor girl

Mysuru, July 9 (MK&KS)- Krishnaraja (KR) Police have on Wednesday arrested a 23-year-old youth for allegedly kidnapping a minor girl from her house in city and have registered a case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against him.

The arrested youth has been identified as Kiran, a resident of Sunnadakeri. Kiran, who is said to be in love with the 17-year-old girl, kidnapped her on July 6 at about 6 am from her house. As the lockdown was in force, Kiran was unable to take the girl out and had stayed in city.

The Police, who were on a lookout for Kiran, spotted him near Ramakrishna Pramahamsa Circle on Tuesday and arrested him when he tried to flee from the spot.

K.R. Police, who have registered a case of kidnap, have also registered a case under various columns of POCSO Act.

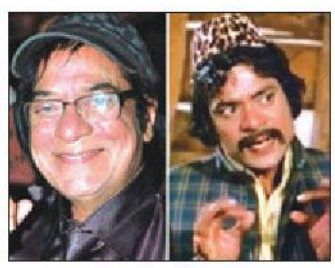
As the girl has refused to go back to her home, the girl has been housed in the Government Girls Balamandira in city, according to KR Inspector Srinivas.

DSS Okkuta to stage demo tomorrow

Mysuru, July 9- Strongly condemning the amendment to Karnataka Land Reforms Act, Dalita Sangharsha Samiti (DSS) Okkuta, will stage a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office here at 11 am tomorrow (July 10), according to a press release.

Veteran actor Jagdeep passes away

Mumbai, July 9- Veteran actor and Bollywood's favourite comedian Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Jafri, better known by his stage name, Jagdeep, breathed his last yesterday in Mumbai due to age-related issues. He was 81.



Jagdeep

Jagdeep was laid to rest today at Shia Kabristan in Mumbai.

Jagdeep had been a part of several big Bollywood films through the 70s, 80s and even through the 90s. He has been a part of more than 400 films in his career. He was known for his impeccable comic timing and electric screen presence.

He played the role of Soorma Bhopali in *Sholay* (1975), and went on to direct a film of the same name, *Soorma Bhopali* in 1988. He also played the titular role in the film. Apart from that, he was seen in films like *Andaz Apna Apna, Brahmachari, Naagin,* to name a few.

Jagdeep was the last of the comic icons alongside seniors Johnny Walker and Mehmood.

Jagdeep was born on March 29, 1939. He is survived by his sons Javed Jaffrey and Naved Jaffrey.

MP hands over cleaning vehicle to MCC

The vehicle was donated by IOC through its CSR initiative

Mysuru, July 9 (RK&KS)- As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) handed over a goods vehicle fitted with jetting, rodding and de-silting machine to Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha at the MP's Office in Jaladarshini Guest House premises this morning.

This is the first vehicle that was handed over to the MP today and the IOC would be handing over another vehicle shortly. The vehicle, costing Rs. 30 lakh, was handed over to the MP by IOC officials Nurona and Anandamurthy. Pratap Simha later handed over the vehicle to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) which was received by MCC Additional Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar.

Speaking on the occasion, MP Pratap Simha lauded IOC for its CSR activities and thanked IOC for its gesture. He said that the IOC through its CSR initiatives was doing good work and added that the IOC would be providing 12 RO drinking water units to city.

Pointing out that the IOC had constructed over 100 toilets as part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the MP said that the cleaning machine vehicle would be utilised to keep the city clean and also to take up Underground Drainage (UGD) works.

Industrialist and BJP leader S.K. Dinesh and others were present.

Auto drivers urge Government to announce package

Mysuru, July 9- The city's Samyukta Karnataka Autorickshaw Drivers and Owners Welfare Association has urged the Prime Minister to announce a special package for Autorickshaw, Taxi / Maxicab, Lorry and Bus and Goods Vehicle drivers, who are facing a lot of financial hardship due to COVID-19 lockdown.

In a letter addressed to the Prime Minister, the Association members have appealed the Prime Minister to fulfil their demands, which included release of Rs.10,000 to each driver family for a period of three months, sanction of Interest-free Rs.1 lakh loan,waiver of house tax for a one year period, free distribution of LPG Domestic cylinder for one-year, free shelter for drivers who do not own homes, exemption of Vehicle Insurance for six month period, issuance of free Fitness Certificate for vehicles, waiver of Green Tax and a two-year holiday for repayment of vehicle loans borrowed from Banks and other Financial Institutions, among others.

Hunsur General Hospital partially sealed

As a pregnant woman, who delivered a baby at Hunsur General Hospital on Sunday, has tested positive for COVID-19, the hospital has been partially sealed and only emergency treatment and dialysis facilities are permitted. The medical staff, who attended the woman, have been quarantined.

Vasu, the man, who insured a public road, felicitated

Vasu was felicitated jointly by Sharadadevinagar Residents Welfare Committee and Prajanavanta Nagarikara Vedike on Tuesday.

Mysuru, July 9- Vasu, the common man who hit the headlines recently for insuring a public road in CFTRI Layout of the city, was felicitated jointly by Sharadadevinagar Residents Welfare Committee and Prajanavanta Nagarikara Vedike at a programme organised on the insured road here on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, BJP leader and former KEA Chairman Kautilya Raghu said that it has become natural for citizens to presume that it is the job of the officials concerned to monitor the quality of roads being laid and they (citizens) have no role in it.

The contractors, taking advantage of this attitude of the citizens, pocket money by executing poor quality works. Now, Vasu, disappointed by the poor state of roads in the city, has done a good job by insuring this road for ensuring better quality and maintenance, he said.

Sharadadevinagar Residents Welfare Committee President B.M. Raghu said that a few concerned citizens like Vasu can bring about a change in the society.

Maintaining that alert citizens can check corruption and ensure good quality of public works, he said that he hoped that this honour will inspire Vasu to take up more social responsibilities.

Speaking after receiving felicitation, Vasu said that he took to social responsibility drawing inspiration from the works of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Veerendra Heggade, Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty and such other top personalities.

Stating that he is getting appreciations from all quarters after the news of him insuring a public road broke out, he said that many called him up to seek suggestions.

Pointing out that one of his friends has now come forward for insuring Geetha Road in Chamarajapuram, Vasu said that he will give valuable suggestions to anyone who comes forward for serving the society in a similar manner.

Social workers Vikram Iyengar, Lakshmidevi, Apoorva Suresh, Rakesh Bhat, Gokul Govardhan, Sucheendra and others were present.

COVID-19 effect

Farmers' Assn. demands ban on marriage and other events

Shantakumar

Mysuru, July 9 (RKB&DM)- Farmer leader and Karnataka State Federation of Farmer Associations President Kurubur Shantakumar has urged the State Government to order a blanket ban on marriage and such other functions in order to contain the rapid spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

In a letter addressed to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Shantakumar said that Positive COVID-19 cases are rising alarmingly by the day in the State and the Government has been struggling to stop the spread of the deadly virus. In such a situation it is advisable to order a blanket ban on marriages and such other functions, where people gather in high numbers, as a measure to check the spread, he said.

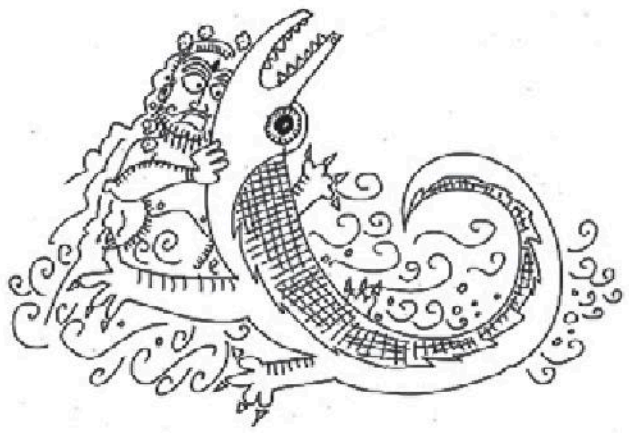
Urging the Government for announcing far more stricter measures, he said that all those found violating lockdown norms should be penalised.

Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

The Crocodile

Wrestling Hero & Modi



In Egyptian, Persian, Assyrian and Sumerian imagery, kings are often shown hunting lions and defeating them with their bows to establish their power. Images of the epic hero Gilgamesh often show him holding a lion firmly, as if it were a cat. That image establishes his greatness, just as images of kings killing lions establishes theirs.

In mythology, heroes are identified at an early age by their ability to deal with wild animals. In the *Bhagavad Purana*, Krishna is considered a hero because, early in life, he defeats demons who take the form of wild animals: snakes, horses, bulls, birds. In Greek mythology too, baby Hercules kills two serpents while still in the cradle.

In the *Ramayana*, we hear stories of how Hanuman defeats Surasa with his wit and Simhika with his brawn while flying across the sea. Less known is the story of Hanuman defeating the crocodile. The story goes that whilst in search of Sanjeevani, he enters a water pond filled with five crocodiles. They attack him but he wrestles and overpowers them, when they reveal they are actually apsaras. They tell him that the sage who told him to take a bath in this pond, before finding Sanjeevani, was not a sage but a Rakshasa called Kalanemi. Hanuman then liberates the damsels, and punishes the rakshasa for misguiding him.

A similar tale is found in the *Mahabharata*. Arjuna during his pilgrimage learns of five pools each infested by a crocodile. He overpowers them and they turn into apsaras. They thank him for liberating them. Long before this incident, we hear the story of a crocodile taking hold of Dronacharya's foot and all the students run away except Arjuna who strikes the crocodile dead with his bow and arrow. A grateful Dronacharya promises to make him the greatest archer in the world. Thus, defeating a crocodile is a sign of heroism in both *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*.

In legend, it is said that a crocodile caught hold of Adi Shankaracharya's feet and would not let him go, until his mother gave him permission to become a sanyasi. This story reminds us of another wherein a crocodile catches hold of an elephant's foot and begins dragging him under water, until Vishnu comes to his rescue. It is one of the oldest tales from *Vishnu Purana* carved on the walls of the oldest Gupta temple found in Deogarh, though here instead of crocodile, it is a Naga, or serpent. This story is called *Gajendra Moksha*, or the liberation of the elephant-king, the lotus pond representing the material world. Adi Shankaracharya's story parallels *Gajendra Moksha*, his mother's permission to take sanyas is comparable to Vishnu's *Sudharshan Chakra* which saves the elephant from the crocodile.

It is interesting to note that Bal Narendra's story about **young Narendra Modi,** which is meant to inspire young people, speaks of his encounter with a crocodile. He enters a crocodile infested lake to fetch a ball and brings a baby crocodile home but his mother insists he set it loose, back in the wild, as it is not right to separate a child for its mother. No one can prove if this incident actually happened but it is a powerful political myth with great mass appeal to establish Modi as a brave and powerful hero, who does not fear anything.

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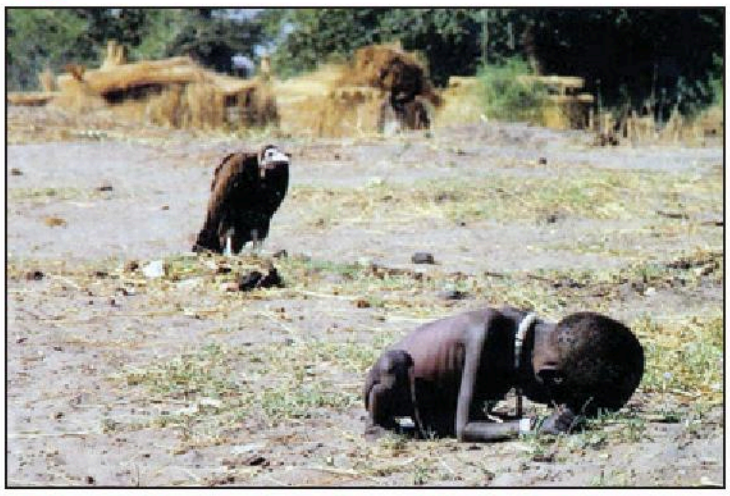
Time to balance NEWS in trying COVID times



By N.K.A. Ballal,
Retd. Sr. Vice-President, ITDC

It is said that as photo-journalist Kevin Carter was busy celebrating the award, the news of his receiving the Pulitzer Prize for "The Vulture and the Little Girl" captured during 1993 famine was being shown on various TV channels. At that time someone asked in a phone interview, what happened to the girl in the end? Carter replied that he did not know since he was in a hurry to catch a flight.
But the man persisted, how many vultures were there? Carter replied "only one." The man on the other end of the phone said, "I am saying that there were two vultures there that day. One real one and other one with the camera."
Now, it is time our media change their approach and start telecasting some positive news too which encourages the public to become more courageous to face the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Kevin Carter, a South African photo-journalist, was awarded the "Pulitzer Prize" for the visual *"The Vulture and the Little Girl."* In the picture, a vulture is patiently waiting for the death of a hungry little girl. Carter captured the moment in the great 1993 famine in Sudan.

Ballal

But do you know something very interesting? Mr. Carter committed suicide at a young age of 33 despite receiving so much respect, attention and acclaim. What was the reason for the suicide? It is said that as he was busy celebrating the award, the news of his receiving the Prize was being shown on various TV channels. At that time someone asked in a phone interview, what happened to the girl in the end? Carter replied that he did not know since he was in a hurry to catch a flight.

The man persisted, how many vultures were there? Carter replied "only one." The man on the other end of the phone said, "I am saying that there were two vultures there that day. One real one and other one with the camera."

Realising the implications of the words, Carter became upset and eventually committed suicide. Carter could have been alive today if only he had taken the trouble to carry the child to the UN Mission Feeding Centre which was only half-a-mile away. At that moment of glory of taking a visual, it did not strike to him that he should make some effort to save the child !

Why I am telling this 27-year-old story is that all these things are being repeated all over again by hundreds of people with cameras all over India adding to the misery of migrant labourers. A recent fake news caught my attention: A child scrapping the road to take some cereals. Later it was found that the photo-journalist had given the cereal to the child to put it on the road and asked the child to pick it up. He was busy taking the photograph for sensationalising an issue.

Let us all face the truth that migrant labour problems are immense, reminding us of the Partition. But why add *mirch masala* to the existing problems and present it to gullible public?

A photograph is worth a hundred words. An old saying but now we just do not know whether we have to believe any photograph presented to us.

With the advent of modern technology, there is every possibility that every photo or video is morphed, altered in such a way just to increase the TRPs. Not so long ago, a man injured severely was lying on the roads of Jaipur crying for help. Lo, what did our citizens do? Hundreds of citizens were busy taking selfies so much so when they ultimately took him to the hospital, it was proved very late. He died.

A recent video recorded during Rishi Kapoor's last moments at the Hospital was pathetic. The actor was gasping for air and our medical staff on duty in the room were busy taking selfies with the actor. How mean can one stoop to?

I have stopped viewing all the electronic media since all I see is the gory pictures of all that is going wrong in India at present. **If everything was going wrong as being portrayed, is it possible to have a survival rate of 60 percent in this pandemic?** Some channels are busy with China bashing day in and day out.

It is time our media change their approach and start telecasting some positive news too which encourages the public to become more courageous to face the pandemic. It is time there is a balance reporting between the good news and the so-called bad. I am happy that at least the print media is being balanced in their reporting.

How does one make out if a visual is a fake or morphed or a real one? An old Nazi saying: "Tell a lie hundred times and it becomes the truth." So, it is time our channels in the electronic media reduce the so-called "breaking news" and instead give the public some positive news along with the regular Corona news too.

Good or bad, we have elected this government. Let us give them space to work rather than continuously badgering them regarding their under-performance. Everybody only knows howto criticise but any solutions?

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Mysuru reports fresh 49 COVID-19 positive cases; 302 active

Four positive cases have been reported from Mysuru City Corporation Office

Mysuru, July 9 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru reported 49 fresh COVID-19 positive cases this morning taking the total number of infected persons to 638. Total active cases in Mysuru district are 302 and they are being treated at the designated hospitals.

Till yesterday, 322 patients have been discharged and yesterday's patient discharge count stands at 18. In all, 14 persons have lost battle against the virus in the district. The latest positive case figures have to be confirmed by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner in his daily evening media bulletin.

In today's list, a couple of cases have been reported from Kodagu and Chamarajanagar. As such, there might be a change in total numbers if the positive cases are accounted for in those districts.

Among the total active cases, 239 are isolated in COVID Hospitals as per last evening's update, two are in isolation at designated Maternity Hospital, V.V. Puram and 12 patients have been isolated in private hospitals. Till yesterday, 24,571 samples have been tested and 23,982 have been found negative.

A 68-year-old woman from Udayagiri and a 48-year-old woman from Rajkumar Road are the two latest victims of the pandemic in Mysuru.

Last Monday, three persons died and on Tuesday, the district reported four deaths taking the total number of deaths to 14.

Today's positive cases have been reported from JSS Hospital area, K.C. Layout, Mahadeshwara Nursing Home, Siddharthanagar, Paduvarahalli and R.S. Naidu Nagar.

Five cases have been reported from Puradakatte village, Gandanahalli village, Saragur town, Kothegala village, Madikeri town, Hunsur, 7th Cross Second Stage Vijayanagar, Police Academy, Cheluvamba Hospital area, First Cross J.C. Nagar and New Street Kollegal.

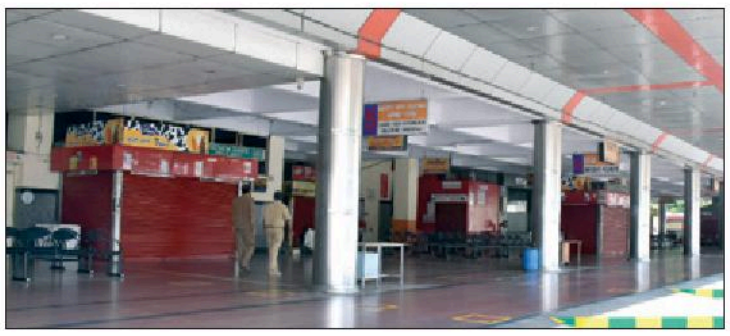
As per the information received from the Health Department, four positive cases have been reported from Mysuru City Corporation Office today.

Other cases have been reported from Mayflower Hotel, Sathagalli, Gundlupet, Kuvempunagar, K.R. Hospital area, Kesare, First Stage Gayathripuram, Hebbal, Udayagiri, Mandi Mohalla and Lashkar Mohalla.

In Mysuru district so far, 14,506 persons have been observed and 11,864 of them have completed 14 days' isolation. 2,389 persons have been isolated at homes.

Citing losses, KSRTC Bus Stand hotels shut down across State

Mysuru, July 9 (RKB&DM)- Demanding total waiver of rent till December on account of severe loss of business due to COVID-19 pandemic, Hotels, Restaurants, Bakeries and other eateries functioning from KSRTC Bus Stands across the State, have shut down indefinitely with effect from today.



Following a call from Bengaluru-based Federation of KSRTC (including BMTC, NWKRTC & NEKRTC) Bus Stand commercial Complex Tenants, the Hotels and Bakeries at the City and Sub-Urban Bus Stands in Mysuru, have shut shop.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Federation President M.V. Raghavendra Rao said that the Hotels, Bakeries and other small shops functioning from the commercial complex attached to KSRTC Bus Stands across the State have been suffering extensive losses, due to poor response from the public following the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Noting that many Hoteliers have invested huge sums of money for running hotels in Bus Stands, Rao said that poor passenger response has caused huge losses for them.

Pointing out that hardly a few passengers can be seen at Bus Stands, he said that people seem to be too scared of the deadly virus. "The poor patronage by passengers and other customers, has dealt a severe blow to the expectation of Hoteliers, who had hoped for better customer response following relaxation in lockdown curbs. But that is not to be and the KSRTC authorities should come to their rescue by waiving off the whole of rent till December this year," he maintained.

The KSRTC authorities have dealt another blow to the Hoteliers by sending a notice asking them to pay rent from May 19, the date which the KSRTC resumed bus-service following the lockdown, till June 30, which is nothing but ridiculous, he said and added that it has become impossible for them to pay rent in this depressing situation where there is no business.

Urging the KSRTC to waive off rent in full at least till December, Rao said that the authorities should either waive off rent or return their deposit, so that they can vacate.

Asserting that it has become very difficult to run business from KSTRTC Bus Stand complexes and annexes, he said that there was no question of re-opening hotels in Bus Stands as long as their demand for rent waiver is met.

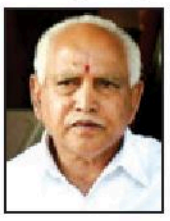
Meanwhile, N.S. Gopalakrishna, who runs a hotel in the City Bus Stand Complex, told *Star of Mysore* that he has shut his hotel following a call from the Bengaluru-based Federation, which has been demanding full rent waiver till December.

Claiming that hardly few passengers can be seen at the City Bus Stand at any point of time, he alleged that the bus staff have made it a practice to alight passengers outside the Bus Stand and this factor too has contributed to poor customer patronage for his hotel.

Pointing out that he has written to the KSRTC Divisional Controller seeking rent waiver in full due to poor customer footfall, he said that he is left with no option other than to shut shop, at least temporarily.

CM to decide on complete weekends lockdown tomorrow

Bengaluru, July 9 (KMS&DM)- With Corona positive cases rising alarmingly across the State, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has convened a meeting of Union Ministers representing the State and MPs at the Palace Grounds in the State Capital tomorrow morning (July 10), to discuss on extending Sunday total lockdown to Saturday as well.



Presiding over a Cabinet meeting here this morning, Yediyurappa is said to have expressed grave concern over the rapidity of COVID-19 spread.

During the course of the meeting, the CM is also said to have discussed about the more stricter measures that can be taken to contain the spread of the virus, ban on inter-district travel to and from Bengaluru, which has become the topmost hotspot of the deadly pandemic and extension of curfew beyond the time limit now in force, while also not hampering economic activities.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister's Office is said to have received reports and inputs from the Police and the Expert Committee formed by the State Government on other stern practical measures that can be taken to stem the disease.

Contact tracing

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The teams visit individual houses and see the number of family members in the house or if there are elders and children who are vulnerable. In case the positive person has vulnerable people in his/ her house, the same is reported to the DHO and the DC who will take a further call.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar has said that additional human resources were required to strengthen contact tracing, which is "a very important part" of controlling the spread of COVID-19.

"Any disobedience in following this order will attract punishment under Section 56 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and other applicable laws," he said.

According to an extract of Section 56 mentioned in the order, officials will face imprisonment of up to one year, unless they have obtained "written permission" of a superior official or other lawful excuses to not carry out work assigned to them under the act.

Vikas Dubey arrested

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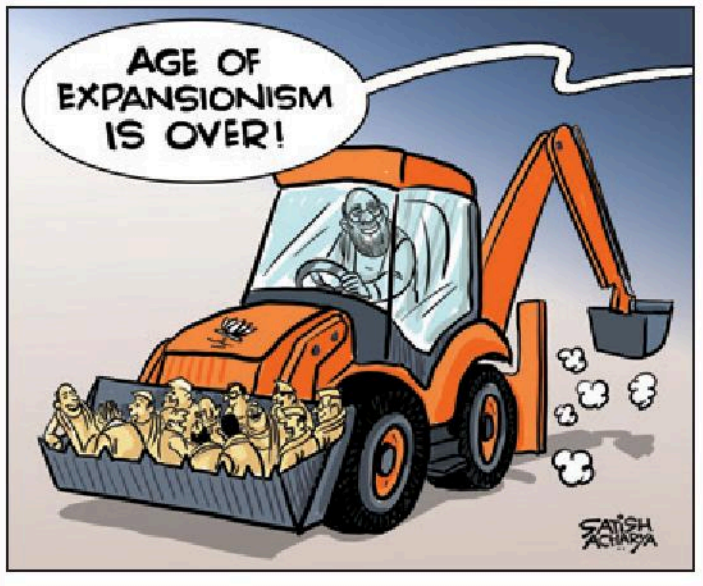
According to the Police, Dubey drove to Ujjain from Kota in Rajasthan after he was spotted in Faridabad, Haryana. He was in his own car with two associates and could pass off as an ordinary visitor in a white t-shirt and mask.

"It is a big success for the Police, Vikas Dubey is a cruel killer. The entire Madhya Pradesh Police force was on alert. He has been arrested from Ujjain Mahakal Temple. We have informed Uttar Pradesh Police," said Narottam Mishra, Madhya Pradesh Minister.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said he was in touch with his UP counterpart Yogi Adityanath on the arrest and the criminal would be handed over to the UP Police.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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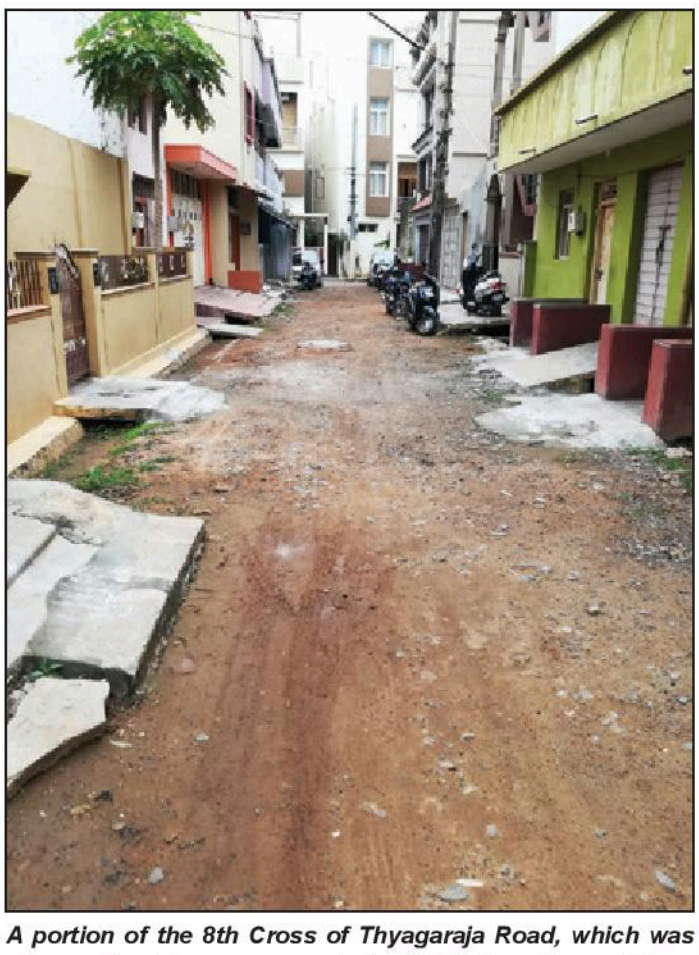
The pathetic condition of road in Vishwakarma Colony

The road in Vishwakarma Colony behind Police Quarters in Gayathripuram is in a pathetic state. The road was dug up to lay UGD pipeline about six months ago and was also completed. But the dug up portion of the road is not covered properly and the road is not asphalted causing a lot of inconvenience to the public, especially motorists. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the road asphalted at the earliest.

Thyagaraja Road 8th Cross needs to be asphalted



A portion of the 8th Cross of Thyagaraja Road, which was dug up about two years ago to lay UGD pipes, has not been asphalted resulting in the road turning slushy during rains making it difficult to move on the road. The residents have urged the officials concerned to get the road asphalted at the earliest.

SKYWATCH

Heavenly visitor 'NEOWISE' at its best this month

The most beautiful and impulsive celestial object perceptible in the night or morning sky is the 'Comet.' Most of the time, Comets remain in deep-frozen "sleep" in outer space, but sporadically they are dislodged from their orbits and fall forward the inner Solar System. Comets are at their brightest when they are closest to the Sun. It is best to search for them in the sky unswervingly after sunset although never when the Sun is still above the horizon.

In the month of July of this year, fix your stares on the sky to watch the spasmodic comet 'NEOWISE.' Throughout July and beginning week of August, it will be discernible in the Northern Hemisphere.

The behaviour of the Comets is highly unpredictable. Comets large enough to be detected in the outer Solar System may prove to have thick, insulating crusts that they never develop, whereas smaller Comets may be as insubstantial as a snowball and melt away to fragments as they come closer to the Sun. One can expect a ghostly greenish-orange splotch to grow brighter in the sky near 'Auriga' in the coming days, as Comet C/2020 F3NEOWISE will make its closest approach to Earth shortly.

Comet C/2020 F3 (NEOWISE) was discovered on March 27, 2020, from some 326 miles (525 km) above Earth's surface by NEOWISE, the Near Earth Object Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, which is a space telescope launched by NASA in 2009. Comet NEOWISE was closest to the Sun or reached perihelion on July 3, 2020, passing at about 26.7 million miles (43 million km) from the Sun, or a bit closer than the average distance from the Sun to Mercury. Observers are still reporting seeing it, and so it appears to have survived the close encounter with our star. Comet NEOWISE became one of the few naked-eye Comets of this century, and the Comet has already been photographed behind many famous sites and cities around the globe. The brightness in future of Comet NEOWISE remains somewhat ambiguous but the Comet will likely continue to be detectable only in the early morning sky, but after July 15 in the early evening sky.

Presently, 'NEOWISE' can be seen in northeast direction directing towards 'Auriga' constellation at a visual magnitude of 2 to 3 and has been getting brighter and larger since June 2020. On July 6, the magnitude was 2. This Comet is presently undoubtedly a morning Comet and is clearly discernable from even small telescopes from 4.30 to 5 am in the said direction, provided the morning sky should be absolutely clear. Note that, lesser the value of magnitude, greater the brightness. This Comet can be located near planet Venus in the morning sky presently.

Initially, NEOWISE was not expected to get much brighter than ninth or 10th magnitude, making it manageable only to those with good binoculars or small telescopes. A compromise of observations placed it at magnitude +9.9 on May 10 of this year. Just under a month late, on June 7, the comet was on the far side of the Sun, 73 million miles (117 million km) distant from the star and 147 million miles (236 million km) from Earth. From June 22 through June 27, the Comet was within the range of the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO).

SOHO is a accommodating mission between the European Space Agency (ESA) and NASA. The spacecraft has been stationed in a halo orbit around the Sun-Earth L1 Lagrangian point, a position roughly 930,000 miles (1.5 million km) sunward of Earth. At this point in space, the orbital period of SOHO exactly matches the orbital period of Earth. From this orbit, SOHO is able to observe the Sun 24 hours a day. Using its Large Angle and

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Spectrometric Coronagraph (LASCO-3), which can create an artificial Solar Eclipse, NEOWISE could be monitored as it passed near to the Sun.

Currently, Comet C/2020 F3 (NEOWISE) is up at dawn now; it will be at the in the dawn sky around July 11. Then it will progressively approach the horizon each day. By mid of July (around July 12-15), the Comet will become evident at dusk (just after Sunset), low in the northwest horizon.

During the beginning days of July, comet NEOWISE is a little complicated to catch because it appears not against a dark sky, but very close to the northeastern horizon just as dawn is brightening the sky. Comet C/2020 F3 (NEOWISE) is up at dawn now; it will be highest in the dawn sky around July 11. Then it will steadily approach the horizon each day.

Comet NEOWISE will be closest to Earth on July 22-23, 2020. It will pass at some 64 million miles (103 million km) from our planet. The good news is that — if the Comet continues looking great — the view during the night of closest approach should be nice. Although binoculars might be required for the celestial visitor, it will be noticeable at the same time we see a beautiful crescent (not too bright) moon.

Even with the help of small telescopes and binoculars, the Comet is noticeable. The Comet is visible from all parts of India. Comet NEOWISE might be visible again from Earth, but not until around the year 8,786! The various astronomical devices used to witness this particular Comet are Celstron Nexstar11 telescope, Meade F3.3 focal reducer, and Stellacam II video camera and Canon 6D, 200 mm Lens f6.3, SO 800. The morningsky is somehow clear from moon light and is the advisable time to see this Comet in by revealing the magnanimity and elegance of sky watching. During the first two weeks of August also, Comet may be clearly perceptible. The reflecting telescope with 6-inch reflector will do to witness this Comet. So enjoy watching 'NEOWISE' and reveal the magnificence of astronomy.

—Rtn. PHF Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna

Amateur Astronomer

Dead body shifted from one village to another for last rites

- Suspected COVID death: Cremation refused as villagers insist on lab report
- One village finally agrees to cremate outside its boundaries

Mandya, July 9 (Nagaiah&BCT)- Fear is robbing the dead of dignity. While there are many reports of many COVID Hospitals in cities and care homes abandoning and even leaving the dead on beds amid the Coronavirus pandemic, such incidents are now being reported in villages too where villagers are refusing to cremate the dead bodies inside their boundaries due to virus scare forcing the family members to shift the dead body from one place to another.

Before the outbreak of the pandemic, a death inside a village was treated as a great sorrow that has hit a village where every villager used to rush to the family's support ensuring that they give strength to the family to bear the grief of a loved one.

However, COVID has changed everything now and people are scared even to go near the dead body. They are even not ready to cremate the body within the village limits. One such incident occurred in Malavalli taluk yesterday where villagers of Honaganahalli, suspecting that the death of a person was due to COVID infection, ran to a safe distance out of fear when the body was brought home for performing the last rites.

The mortal remains of Nagaraju kept in front of his relative's house at Honaganahalli.

Sudden death

Nagaraju (50), a resident of Musukanakoppal in T. Narasipur taluk, was working in Bengaluru since several years. Due to an explosion of COVID-19 in Bengaluru, Nagaraju was planning to return to his native place. Three days back he had come to his relatives' place at Honaganahalli where he suddenly developed health complications.

He was rushed to a private hospital in Kollegal but he passed away on the way to hospital. His body was brought to Musukanakoppal for the last rites. This, however, created panic among villagers, who suspected that the death was due to COVID. They demanded that the last rites be performed only after conducting COVID test.

Body brought back to Honaganahalli

The family members had no option but to take the body back to Honaganahalli to cremate it. Nagaraju's body was shifted and placed in front of the house in Honaganahalli and no one came forward even to offer condolences to the grieving family. Forget words of solace. Here too, the villagers refused to provide place for cremation.

With no other alternative, the family members informed the Health Department. A team of officials, including Taluk Health Officer Dr. Veerabhadrappa and the Police visited the spot and assured that the funeral would be conducted as per COVID protocol. But the villagers were adamant that a test be conducted to prove that the deceased is COVID-negative and staged a protest. The villagers did not even believe when the Health Department officials who said Nagaraju did not die due to virus infection.

Body shifted again

Meanwhile, the villagers of Musukanakoppal in T. Narasipur learnt about how the family members of Nagaraju were struggling to perform the last rites in Honaganahalli. They finally called the relatives and offered land outside the village boundary to cremate the deceased's body.

Now as the relatives were preparing to shift the body back to Musukanakoppal, the Health Department was requested an ambulance. But the Department washed its hands of the issue after providing two Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Two family members, wearing the PPE, had to literally bundle the body into the back of a vehicle and take it to Musukanakoppal where the body was cremated outside the village.

As a precautionary measure, 11 people, including an autorickshaw driver, have been placed under home quarantine.

Mandya District Health Officer Dr. Manchegowda later clarified that though Nagaraju had not shown any symptoms of COVID-19, the villagers panicked due to the prevalent situation. He denied that there were any lapses on the part of Health Department.

Cop hands over Rs. 19,000 cash lying on road to Police Station

'Parisara Snehi' fetes Srinivas for his honesty

Srinivas

Mysuru, July 9 (MK&BCT)- A Police Constable, who was on his routine rounds in city on his bike, found a plastic cover lying on the road. Curious, he opened the bag to find cash amounting to Rs. 19,210 and also some foreign currencies. Without succumbing to the desire of pocketing the money, he promptly handed over the bag to the Police Station.

The Cop in question here is Srinivas who is serving at the office of the City Police Commissioner. He is the recipient of Chief Minister's medal in 2019. During his regular duty, he was moving near the City Court Complex on his bike when he found a plastic bag lying unattended on the road. He stopped his bike and opened the bag to find cash and foreign currencies.

'Parisara Snehi' team felicitating Srinivas for his honest act, at Jalapuri Police Quarters in city yesterday.

Srinivas then drove to the jurisdictional Lakshmipuram Police Station and handed over the bag to the Inspector and told him that he found the bag abandoned on the road. The plastic cover also had a small purse within. The Police have registered a case and are trying to trace the owner of the bag. Inspector Venkatesh appreciated the honesty of the Constable.

Meanwhile, 'Parisara Snehi' team at Jalapuri Police Quarters felicitated Srinivas for his honest act. BJP leader D. Lohit, 'Parisara Snehi' team Secretary Hemavathi, Keerthikumar, Santhosh Kumar, Ravikumar and Shivakumar were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Lissome

Pronunciation: LISS-um.
Meaning: Easily flexed; characterised by grace : lithe; nimble.
Origin: Lissome (sometimes spelled lissom) is a gently altered form of its synonym, lithesome. While lissome tends to be the more popular choice these days, the two words have similar pasts. They both appeared in the 18th century, and trace back to the much older lithe, which first appeared in English during the 14th century and comes from an Old English word meaning "gentle." Lissome can also be an adverb meaning "in a supple or nimble manner," but this use is rare.
Example: "A couple of images haunt me from this 'West Side Story,' and both do come from video. One is of an anonymous, lissome figure, barely detectable as he or she dances at the end of a long, dark street. The other is of a television playing while Maria and Anita are arguing about a recent gang slaying." — Ben Brantley

THE ODD WORD

Labiomancy

Lip reading.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Laid out in lavender

Meaning: Prepared for burial. The phrase has also been used to mean 'show something in the best possible light'. There are also reports of its use as meaning 'to criticize or condemn.'
Origin: The allusion is clearly to the practice of strewing lavender or other strong smelling herbs near dead bodies to mask their smell. The term was preceded by the much earlier phrase 'laid up in lavender'. This refers to the storage of clothes etc. with lavender to keep them fresh and free from insect damage - a precursor to mothballs. The practise was referred to in Robert Greene's, A quip for an upstart courtier, 1592. The phrase first printed in A new dictionary of the terms ancient and modern of the canting crew, 1690: "Layd-up-in Lavender, when any Cloaths or other Moveables are pawn'd or dipt for present Money."
Laid out in lavender may or may not have derived from that earlier phrase. Either way it is an American coinage and isn't widely used elsewhere. The earliest citation of it that I've found is from the New York newspaper The Syracuse Herald, May 1926, in a book review:
"Now here is a regular detective story. It begins with a dog fight and winds up with the whole family laid out in lavender." [that is, dead]

QUOTE BOX

Her love was like lavender, delicate and melancholy.

— Laura Chouette

RIDDLE THIS

What has to be broken before you can use it?

Answer: An egg.

SUDOKU

2		5				3		1
				5				
		8	9		3	6		
5	1		4		6		3	2
6	3		7		1		4	8
		6	1		7	2		
				3				
3		1				9		7

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	3	9	7	1	5	6	8
5	9	1	3	6	8	4	2	7
6	8	7	2	5	4	3	1	9
8	3	2	7	1	6	9	4	5
1	4	5	8	3	9	2	7	6
7	6	9	4	2	5	8	3	1
9	5	6	1	4	2	7	8	3
3	1	4	5	8	7	6	9	2
2	7	8	6	9	3	1	5	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

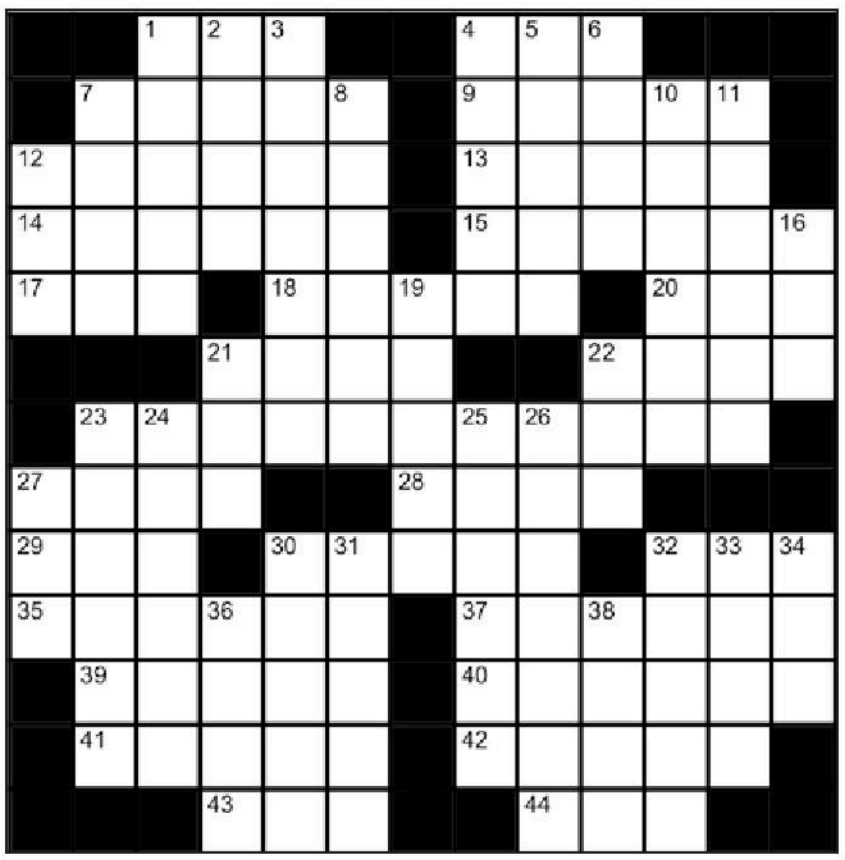
1 In short, our neighbouring country
4 Have being
7 Paceman ____ Patel
9 Sergei ____ : Legendary pole vaulter
12 Kinds, sorts or class ?
13 Audibly
14 Rapping sound of door knocker (3-3)
15 Herb
17 Abstract being?
18 Has a cosy tete-a-tete?
20 Global Positioning Sys.
21 Wearing shoes?
22 Small amphibious creatures
23 Bitter, caustic, sarcastic
27 Equestrian sport
28 Gujarat's __ of Kutch
29 ___ Lanka
30 Cries or sobs
32 Parting word
35 River near Southampton
37 Passageways
39 Further forward in space or in time
40 Mark of new driver (1-5)
41 ___ and volley : tennis game for slow surfaces?
42 Major Florida tourist and retirement resort
43 Go to ___ : retire to sleep ?
44 It is used to colour a fabric

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

W	E	N	■	C	A	M	P	■	■	R	L	G
E	R	E	■	O	N	A	I	R	■	O	I	L
A	S	S	■	N	U	D	G	E	■	O	V	A
R	E	T	A	G	■	■	■	N	A	M	E	D
■	■	■	W	O	O	■	B	O	X	■	■	■
D	U	P	E	■	S	K	Y	■	E	T	T	Y
A	R	A	■	■	A	G	L	■	■	U	A	E
M	I	C	A	■	M	B	A	■	A	G	R	A
■	■	■	T	I	A	■	W	I	G	■	■	■
R	I	V	E	T	■	■	■	N	A	S	T	Y
O	C	A	■	C	H	I	L	D	■	E	G	O
T	O	R	■	H	A	N	O	I	■	A	I	R
A	N	Y	■	■	S	K	U	A	■	S	F	E

DOWN

1 Propels a boat or bets on a horse, etc.
2 Without _ __ : without safety precautions (1,3)
3 Pakistan's largest city
4 Toward the stern or in stern half of the ship
5 Reigns or governs
6 Poetically black
7 Golden ____ : neither too much nor too little?
8 Comprehend or understand
10 Bruce Lee's forte? (4,2)
11 Becomes thoroughly proficient in?
12 Grad. Rec. Exam.
16 Lightning Sensor Sys.
19 Love or revere greatly
21 Sellout sign: abbr.
22 A long time
23 Major arteries
24 A hackneyed phrase or idea
25 Incendiary liquid
26 Without flavour or taste
27 Pounds per sq in.
30 Form fabric by interlacing long threads
31 ____ it all : committed suicide?
32 Criticism or censure
33 Unidentified animal reported on high Himalayan slopes
34 Suffix denoting place or ownership ?
36 Tansy or thyme
38 Kill or bump off



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EZJQYEK YB HZMV DZEBOHYEK, ZM HZMV YAAZKYDTA,

JQTE JQV IVBYMV XZM MVHVHRMTEDV.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Humor is always based on a modicum of truth.
Have you ever heard a joke about a father-in-law?

COVID-recovered patient says...

Stay positive and be patient

Virus-infected-and-cured senior citizen says one must be physically, mentally and emotionally strong to beat the disease

Mysuru, July 9 (YDS&BCT)- The outbreak of Coronavirus has diagnosed more than a crore patients worldwide. Soon, the number of cases is going to exceed in the coming days.

It is estimated that the Coronavirus is going to affect 60 percent to 80 percent of the total population of the world, but again, these are just estimates as nothing can be predicted in this time of uncertainty. We don't know to what extent national restrictions, which vary wildly across the globe, will prevent or delay infections and deaths. Even the official Coronavirus death tolls are only the estimates.

We are living in a time of uncertainty and it is the time how we as an individual and society stand up and support each other in this time of crisis. Here is a story of a 62-year-old person, who was among the initial COVID-19 recovered patients in Mysuru giving us insights on how real is the problem and why we should take ourselves seriously — physically, mentally and emotionally.

Infected in Hunsur

He has been identified as P-9047 and a resident of Devaraja Mohalla. He got infected at a programme in Hunsur where several people had come from Bengaluru. "After attending the programme, I learnt from my family and friends that some of the people who had attended the Hunsur event like me tested positive for COVID-19. I remained in home quarantine for a few days and got myself tested in the designated Government laboratory where I tested positive," he told *Star of Mysore*.

"Doctors took me to the designated hospital where I was kept in isolation. Good encouragement from doctors and unflinching support from my family members made me overcome the disease. Initially I had fears of treatment as it was a Government facility. Generally, we don't speak high about Government hospitals. But here, the treatment, food supplements, medicines and the overall atmosphere was very good," he explained.

Positive outlook

"What helped me the most during these difficult days (and what I am recommending to everyone who feels the symptoms) is a lot of rest, turning off the television (because the amount of bad news increases our anxiety and makes us very worried, which compromises our improvement) and lots of positivity to beat the virus. The more anxious you are the more susceptible you are to the virus," he said and added that one must be patient and have belief in the treatment.

Doctors at the hospital used to give him a lot of vitamin supplements including zinc to increase his immunity. As the effect of Coronavirus is different from person to person, the fear of unknown creeps in because there are cases where even young people with no serious health issues have died. We need to mentally prepare during this hard time," he says with ample confidence.

Supportive family

After he got discharged, people came to talk to him asking about the disease and its symptoms. "People including relatives had a tone of curiosity, because it is still very common to find people who do not believe in the seriousness of the situation. But to my surprise, I received a lot of support especially from my family members," the recovered patient explained.

"Repeated assurance by the doctors and healthcare workers at the hospital made me cheer up and even if I was seared in a pensive mood, doctors would come to me with fresh reassurances and were telling me that world over, the recovery rate is very high and there is no need to panic," P-9047 said.

"The best medicine for COVID-19 at present is wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing. If we are not careful, we will be victims and we will not even know that we had contracted the disease," he added.

New team of Rotary Mysore Midtown

The Installation Ceremony of the new office-bearers of Rotary Mysore Midtown for the year 2020-21 was held at a private hotel in city yesterday. Seen are *(standing from left)* ***Rtn. Harish - Sergeant, Rtn. Rakesh - Youth Service Director, Rtn. Manojkumar - Immediate Past President, Rtn. Ravindranath, Rtn. Naveenchandra - Vice-President, Rtn. Abhilash Nair - Joint Secretary, Rtn. Mallikarjun - Club Service, Rtn. Naveenchand - Vocational Service, Rtn. Jaykumar - Community Service, Rtn. Madhusudan - International Service, Rtn. Sathyendra - Treasurer and Rtn. Prahlad - Editor;*** *(sitting from left)* ***Rtn. Veeresh - Secretary, Rtn. A.N. Aiyanna - President, Addanda Cariappa - Rangayana Director (chief guest), Rtn. PDG. Nagarjun - Installing Officer and Rtn. Rohith Ramdev - Assistant Governor.***

Installation Ceremony of Lions Mysore Parisara

Mysuru, July 9- New Member Induction and Installation Ceremony of Ln. M.R. Ananda as President of Lions Club of Mysore Parisara and his team of office-bearers will be held at Hotel Chithra Residency in Lakshmikantha Nagar, Hebbal 2nd Stage, on July 11 at 3 pm.

Ln. K. Devegowda, Past District Governor (2009-10), will be the chief guest and Installing Officer. Ln. Suresh Ramu, DC-PST Forum (2020-2021), will induct the new Lion members. Ln. M.R. Ananda, President, will preside over the event, according to a press release..

Takes charge as Rotary Asst. Governor

Mysuru, July 9- **Rtn. B. Ramaradhya** took charge as the Assistant Governor, Rotary District 3181 Zone-8. Rtn. Ramaradhya, who became the member of Rotary Mysore North in the year 2008, has served as Club's Director and President apart from other posts. He had organised various social activities too. Considering his social service, he has been chosen as the Assistant Governor of Rotary.

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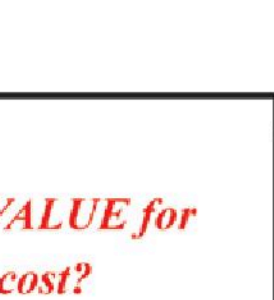

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